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**2015 Indiana State Department of Agriculture Photo Contest**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will be hosting the annual photo contest, with winning photographs being featured at this year's state fair.

The contest is open to the general public, excluding ISDA staff and immediate family members. Contestants will be able to submit up to five photos in digital form; each photo needs to be accompanied by an entry form. Entries can be submitted until June 30, 2015.

Participants are encouraged to submit photos that reflect the wide array of agriculture and can be either horizontal or vertical. The categories photos can be entered under are: Conservation, Agritourism, Faces of Agriculture and On the Farm. All photos must be taken in Indiana.

The photo contest has been a part of ISDA since 2008 and is a powerful demonstration of the hard work and contribution that Hoosier farmers provide for the State of Indiana. Contest winners will have their winning photographs featured in the Offices of the Lt. Governor's Family of Business in Indianapolis. Winners will also be special guests during the Celebration of Agriculture at this year's Indiana State Fair.

Entry and release forms, guidelines and criteria are available online [here](#).

**ABOUT ISDA**

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director of ISDA is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

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